

According to the Mississippi Agricultural Statistics Service, there were 4.7 days suitable for fieldwork for the **week ending May 19, 2002**. Rain has delayed planting of crops in the northern part of the state; while much needed rain fell in the central and southern parts of Mississippi. Soil moisture was rated 6 percent very short, 29 percent short, 41 percent adequate and 24 percent surplus.

Progress In Percentages						Conditions in Percentages				
Item	Event	This Week	Last Week	2001	5-Yr Avg	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Corn	Emerged	100	98	98	97	1	4	20	56	19
Cotton	Planted	82	70	96	87	0	6	25	60	9
	Emerged	60	50	83	64					
Rice	Planted	91	84	97	93	0	3	21	71	5
	Emerged	81	70	89	80					
Sorghum	Planted	88	76	97	88	0	1	22	72	5
	Emerged	77	57	88	79					
Soybeans	Planted	72	63	90	73	1	3	25	59	12
	Emerged	57	47	77	55					
Wheat	Mature	16	6	18	19	1	14	39	40	6
Hay (Cool Season)	Harvested	71	58	83	65	4	9	36	39	12
Sweetpotatoes	Planted	6	2	7	10	--	--	--	--	--
Watermelons	Planted	99	94	94	82	0	2	28	64	6
Cattle						1	5	26	55	13
Pasture						4	8	31	48	9
Blueberries						0	0	31	62	7

County Agent Comments

“Some cotton is being replanted for the third time. Wind, hail, heavy rains, and cool temperatures are playing havoc with the cotton. Most of the corn got sprayed for southwestern corn borers last week.”

— Ann Ruscoe, Coahoma County

“Wet soils kept producers out of the fields until mid-week. Cotton planting was going well until rains stopped planting again Friday afternoon. Southwestern corn borer moths are coming in large numbers. One trap had 359 moths in 4 days.”

— Dalton G. Garner, Prentiss County

“Producers received needed rain last week. This same rain stalled planting progress for cotton and soybeans. Insects are being identified as problems in some corn, soybean and cotton fields. Producers are busy applying additional nitrogen and carrying out weed control measures.”

— Tim W. Pepper, Yazoo County

“Recent rains were a blessing. We were getting into a drought and all commodities were affected. This rain will allow the rest of the crops to be planted.”

— Houston Therrell, Rankin County

“Sweetpotato planting has started in a few fields. Cotton growers are still on hold due to high soil moisture. We lost a good bit of wheat to hail damage last week. Next week will be better.”

— Bill Burdine, Chickasaw County

“Much needed rains on Friday will really help out, but more rain is still needed. We are well below average on rainfall. It seems that insects are going to be a major problem this year in home gardens, lawns, and commercial horticulture.”

— Ruby D. Rankin, Kemper County

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Weather Summary from May 13, 2002 to May 19, 2002 for Mississippi													
District/Station	Air Temperature					Precipitation				4 Inch Soil Temperature			Avg Pan Evap
	Max	Min	Avg	Norm	DFN	One Week	DFN	Rain Days	Four Weeks	Max	Min	Avg	
1. Upper Delta													
Clarksdale	86	47	65	71	-6	1.30 E	+0.16	2	8.38E	75	58	67	0.15
Cleveland	87	47	66	71	-5	0.65	-0.47	3	5.48				
Tunica	86			71		1.63	+0.32	2	7.34	85	61	73	0.24
Extreme/Average	87	47	66	71	-5	1.19	-0.06	2	7.07	85	58	70	0.20
2. North-Central													
Holly Springs				67		2.11 E	+0.85	2	7.92E				0.28
Memphis	82	47	64	71	-7	1.53	+0.37	2	4.31				
Oxford	83	39	62	68	-6	1.02 E	-0.31	2	13.03E				
Extreme/Average	83	39	63	69	-6	1.55	+0.29	2	8.42				0.28
3. Northeast													
Booneville	83	42	63	68	-5	0.69	-0.78	2	7.48				
Corinth	85	40	64	70	-6	1.40 E	+0.07	3	5.79E				
Iuka	84	37	60	66	-6	0.55	-0.90	3	5.97				
Pontotoc	84	43	64	70	-6	0.53	-0.66	3	11.14	78	63	70	0.24
Tupelo	82	42	62	69	-7	0.48	-0.85	2	7.47				
Verona	87	46	65	70	-5	0.45 E	-0.60	3	11.48E	85	56	71	0.23
Extreme/Average	87	37	63	70	-7	0.68	-0.58	3	8.22	85	56	71	0.22
4. Lower Delta													
Belzoni	90	63	77	72	+5	0.50 E	-0.95	2	3.20E	80	89	83	
Rolling Fork	91	47	68	72	-4	1.01	-0.18	3	3.44	91	67	79	0.21
Stoneville	89	46	68	73	-5	0.91	-0.28	3	3.60	88	61	74	0.27
Yazoo City	88	46	68	73	-5	1.27	-0.01	2	3.55				
Extreme/Average	91	46	70	73	-3	0.92	-0.27	3	3.45	91	61	79	0.24
5. Central													
Carthage	90	43	65	70	-5	1.10	-0.14	2	1.59				
Greenwood	85	41	64	72	-8	0.57	-0.64	3	2.04				
Jackson	87	46	66	72	-6	0.93	-0.16	3	1.35				
Winona	84	40	62	67	-5	0.73	-0.41	2	2.70				
Extreme/Average	90	40	64	71	-7	0.83	-0.35	3	1.92				
6. East-Central													
Brooksville						0.50 E	-0.55	1	1.11E				
Columbus	91	43	68	71	-3	1.11	+0.20	3	2.09				
State University	85	44	64	70	-6	2.90	+1.79	2	4.14	84	65	75	0.21
Extreme/Average	91	43	66	71	-5	1.50	+0.41	2	2.45	84	65	75	0.21
7. Southwest													
Crystal Springs	90	45	68	72	-4	0.32	-0.73	2	0.67	94	62	77	
Natchez	88	47	66	73	-7	0.90	-0.35	3	1.04				
Oakley	91	44	66	72	-6	2.03	+0.98	2	2.92				
Vicksburg	89	49	69			1.88		2	3.48				
Extreme/Average	91	44	67	72	-5	1.28	+0.05	2	2.03	94	62	77	
8. South-Central													
Columbia	90	46	68	73	-5	0.69	-0.57	2	0.72				
McComb	89	50	68	73	-5	1.03	-0.19	3	1.04				
Extreme/Average	90	46	68	72	-4	0.86	-0.40	3	0.72				
9. Southeast													
Beaumont	95	46	68			0.40 E		1	0.40E				
Hattiesburg	92	45	70	73	-3	1.29	+0.09	3	1.29				
Laurel	91	47	69	72	-3	0.34	-0.87	2	1.88				
Meridian	85	44	64	72	-8	0.85	-0.27	2	1.15				
Newton	90	41	66	70	-4	0.93	+0.01	1	1.20	85	60	68	0.25
Extreme/Average	95	41	67	72	-5	0.76	-0.29	2	1.18	85	60	68	0.25
10. Coastal													
Bay St Louis	88	51	72	74	-2	0.35	-0.95	2	0.35				
Biloxi AFB	86	52	70			0.72		2	0.83				
Gulfport	84	50	70	75	-5	0.95	-0.38	3	0.95				
Pascagoula	86	49	68			0.42 E		3	0.43E				
Poplarville	92	48	70	74	-4	0.54	-0.73	2	0.54	98	68	81	0.22
Extreme/Average	92	48	70	74	-4	0.60	-0.53	2	0.62	98	68	81	0.22
State	95	37	66	71	-5	1.03	-0.15	2	3.29	98	56	74	0.23

DFN = Departure from Normal.